

Village Surgeries Patient Participation Group

One of the good things to have come from the current situation, we are all in at present, is that we are walking more and this exercise is extremely good for us in every way.

In case there are parts of Farndon & Holt that you may want to get to know better, particularly for new residents, here are some ideas for walks in the area.

Walks are between 4 to 5 miles and 2 to 2 hours 30mins duration.

In case of rain or tired children, escape routes back to Farndon have been included.

On all walks, the Church Towers of either Farndon or Holt are visible most of the time, so very little chance of getting lost.

Mileages are within 10% accurate. GPS varies slightly if following mobile navigation devices.

Please keep to footpaths – all walks are on Public Rights of Way. Animals are occasionally grazing. They are usually simply curious, (young calves are particularly so). They can quite easily be “shooed” away. The field after the Fish Farm is a case in point. If you're walking with a dog the cows are generally more interested in the animal than the humans.

FARNDON WALK 1

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At the cross roads, (dog-leg), turn left into green/sandy Knowle Lane. Surface can be a little wet at times. This takes you around right & left bends to reach a T Junction of lanes. Turn right and then immediately left into pretty/narrow lane.

Follow path down to a gate.

This lane has varying kinds of vegetation through the year & is a sun trap for butterflies.

Turn left after the gate and follow the path along the edge of large field, and past a small copse of trees called Knowle Plantation. **2 MILES**

Go right here with the path, (ignore a track coming in from the left).

The path takes you through a dip and then past a transmitter mast.

Carry on along this path until you find a neat little wooden bridge, over the ditch, on your right. Turn right over this and continue along path with ditch now on your left. You can now pick out the houses in Holt and the allotments. Go through a K/Gate, out onto the lane, under the by-pass, then up the lane, into Holt. **2 MILES**

Escape route back into Farndon as above. The gate is now on the right.

At the top of the lane, for safety reasons, go right to the main road, cross and go left on far pavement, towards Wrexham.

Turn right into Smithfield Street, walk past the end of Smithfield Drive, until you come to The Green. Cross the road into small overgrown path on the left, between two houses. Go up this, cross over road, on to footpath until you reach a track.

Go right, along the edge of field, through a K/Gate, to get to main Holt/Rossett Road. Careful as no footpath here. Going left for short distance, then turn right into Chester Lane. After walking this lane for a stretch, it veers slightly left. **3 MILES**

Proceed down the lane to junction on the left. Pass through K/Gate and walk parallel to lane, through K/Gate and through second field to final K/Gate. Turn right along short lane through K/Gate and walk ahead to Farndon Bridge in distance.

Pass through the K/Gate at the end of the bridge, take care for traffic at traffic lights. Cross the bridge, through traffic lights and turn up steep lane on your right, 'The Twychooks'.

Continue over cross road and follow the lane around the Church wall. Pass 'The Memorial Hall' on your left and continue round the lane to the Surgery.

4.5 MILES

Map on reverse.

FARNDON WALK 3

From the corner of the Surgery Car Park, walking away from the Thatched Cottages go down Old Lane alongside a large old house in a generally southerly direction. At the end of this lane, on the right, there are some wide steps that take you down to the river, where the walk turns left along a “board walk” to a bench seat.

From here take in a lovely vista looking North, back along the river to Farndon/Holt Bridge, built in 1339.

Continue along grassy fields with the River on your right through 2 K/Gates until approaching the by-pass bridge, over the river. On the left are some steps up to the By-Pass, take care here. **1 MILE**

Turning right at the top of steps onto a wide paved area, cross the river, looking for a staircase down. These steps take you onto the Welsh side of the river. Go down the steps through the K/Gate then right, under the by-pass and along the lane.

Escape route back into Farndon. Take gate on the left, (under the bridge), walk up to the Play Area on a slight rise, then down past the ruined Holt Castle. Go past and to the right to reach a narrow path up to Holt Cross. Follow the road right, down to the bridge and up the hill back to the Surgery.

Follow this lane, until you see a K/Gate on the left. Go through this gate and keep to the path with the river on your left. This path sweeps along the bend of the river, until you see a K/Gate. Pass through the gate, across a lane and through the K/Gate opposite.

Turn left over ditch and then right, keeping ditch on your right.

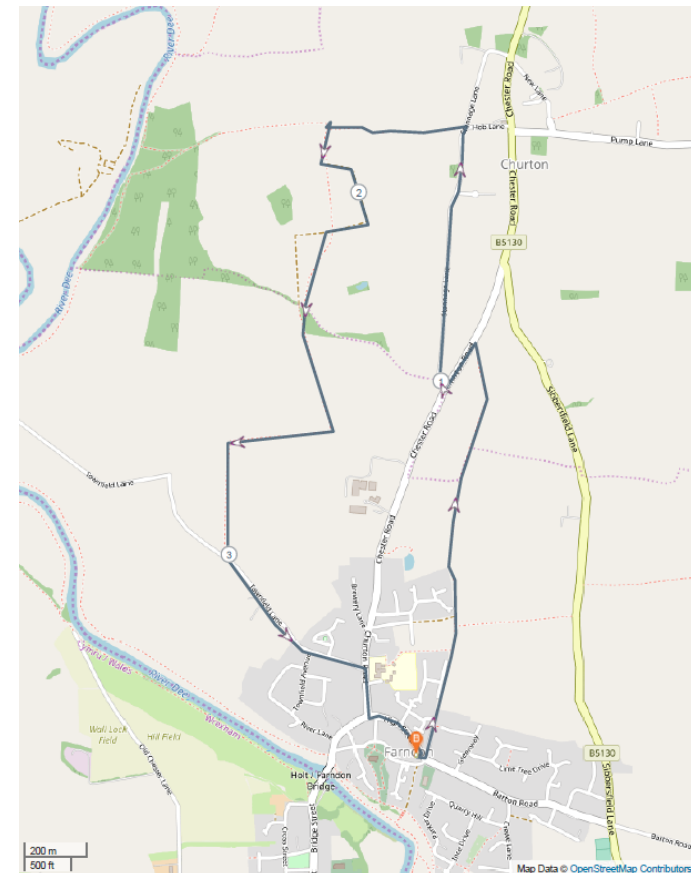
Very good views of the Welsh Hills ahead.

There is an escape back to Farndon here. Go straight on & emerge 100 yards from School.

Our walk goes right at junction taking the path along the edge of a field and after a 90 degree bend, continue to reach a lane, Townfield Lane, turn left and continue up to the school. **3 MILES**

If this field is grassed, in Spring there are nesting Sky Larks & ahead, the hills of Wales. In the distant far left – the entrance to The Vale of Llangollen, then Ruabon Mountain, Hope Mountain and further right the Vale of Clwyd and the mighty Moel Famau.

From the School turn right, back to the High Street, then left along to the Surgery starting point. **4 MILES**



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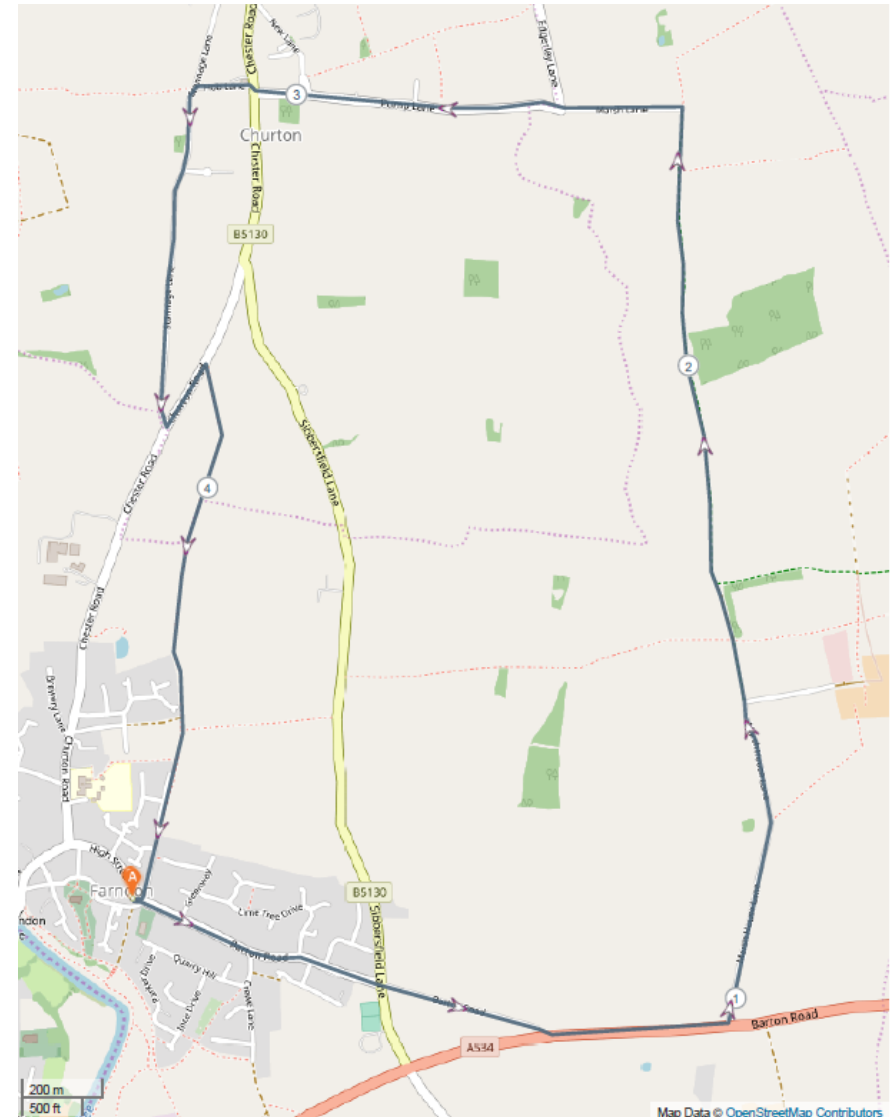
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Passing through the last K/Gate, into Walkers Lane and arriving back at the surgery. **5 MILES**



FARNDON WALK 2

From the corner of the Surgery Car Park, walk down the main road, Barton Road, away from the village, in an easterly direction. Proceed down Barton Road to the cross roads and crossing the junction, with care, go straight ahead into the “old main road” until it becomes a footpath. The footpath exits onto a fairly wide footpath on the Wrexham/Nantwich main road. **1 MILE**

This is a busy road so great care is needed.

On the left is Marsh House Lane. Turn along the lane and pass Rowley Hill Farm on the left. Road conditions are quieter here.

On the left you will see an interesting information board promoting 'The Bishop Bennett Way', and on the opposite side in a field, a “Marl Pit” which attracts much wild life, Geese, Peewits, (if you're lucky), and curlew.

When the road takes a 90 degree right turn keep straight on through a Kissing Gate, to a green lane, signposted 'Bishop Bennett Way'. **2 MILES**

Continue to next K/Gate, ignore bridle path on the right and continue on a narrowing lane through a second K/Gate passing a house under construction and then a pretty cottage. The path then becomes a surfaced lane after a 90 degree left bend. Follow this to meet the road to Coddington. **3 MILES**

Go forward into Pump Lane where a delightful variety of cottages and houses can be seen.

Continue to the top of Pump Lane until reaching the Farndon/Aldford road opposite The White Horse.

There is an escape here. Simply cross to far pavement & walk left to Farndon.

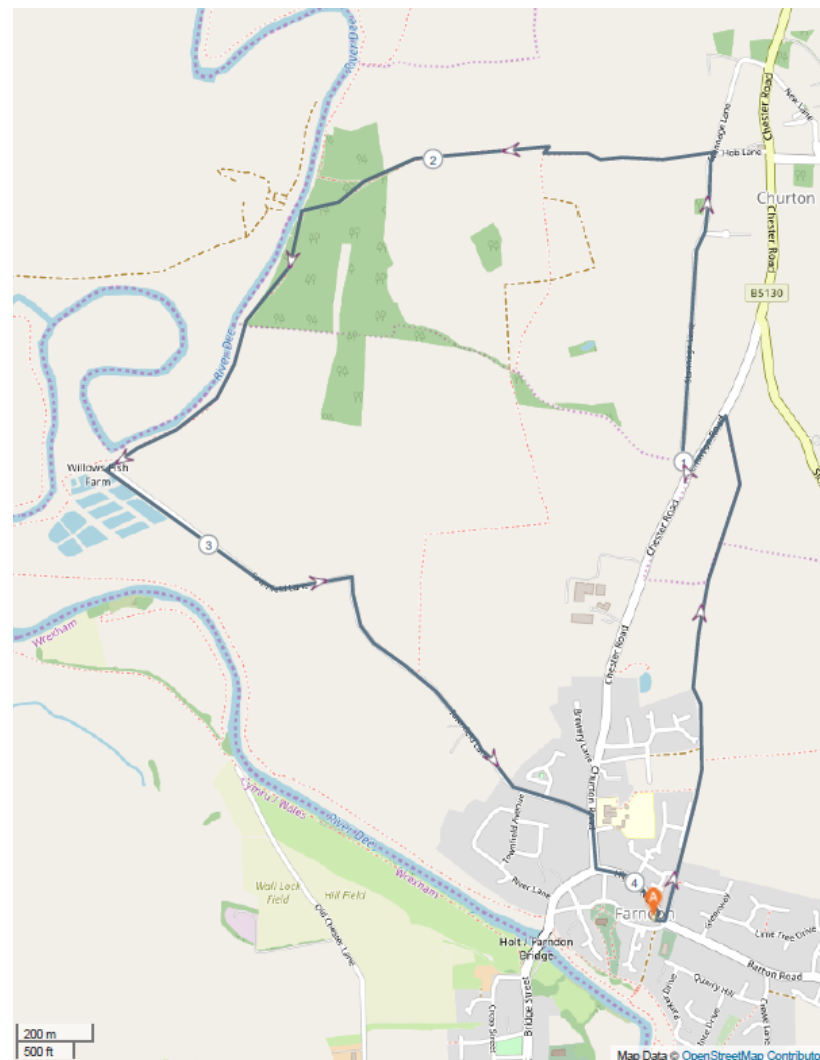
Turn right at the top of Pump Lane and then immediately left into Hob Lane, keeping the White Horse Pub on the right. Turn left at crossroads into Stannage Lane and continue to the bottom of the lane to where it meets the main road. Turn left, along main road towards Churton. **4 MILES**

Walking along the pavement look out for a K/Gate in the far hedge after about 200yds, carefully cross the road, through the K/Gate and into the field. Cross diagonally right to reach the first of six Kissing Gates, all in a straight line.

As the next field is walked, the river comes into view on the right, completing a huge loop after the River Alyn joins it. Through a further K/Gate onto a narrow path and to a lane (end of Townfield Lane). **3 MILES**

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Cross straight over Townfield Lane onto short narrow path, (this has proved very muddy in the winter), then two gates in bad repair.

Here any dogs have on to be put on a lead to progress through the Fish Farm buildings.

Make sure to follow signs to a leafy path, leading to open fields. The next field sometimes has livestock in it so please check before letting dogs off their lead. Cattle are sometimes curious but not usually a problem, unless you are squeamish.

The path takes you along the river, with beautiful views of the Welsh foothills, at Marford, Rossett and Gresford. **4 MILES**

Pass through a K/Gate with chalets and caravans on the left to another K/Gate and into more fields. The next barrier is the only stile on the walk and following the river to another K/Gate past chalets on the right. Pay attention to the signs as the path sometimes is close to chalet entrances.

The final chalet passes close to a K/Gate quickly followed by two more to progress to the Farndon/Holt Bridge and left back to the Surgery. **5 MILES**

